

Three Gang Members Sentenced To Prison For Crimes Including Four Wilmington Killings

Also: Guilty Plea To Manslaughter In Child Death; Gun and Drug Charges Lead To Prison Sentences

A member of the Touch Money Gang convicted of two Wilmington murders was sentenced to two life terms in prison plus 35 years, and two other members of TMG guilty in city deaths were sentenced Friday to lengthy prison terms as well.

John Brisco, 19, of Wilmington was found guilty by a jury in March 2017 of two counts of Murder First Degree, three counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, three counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, three counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Juvenile, Possession of Ammunition By a Person Prohibited, Gang Participation, Attempted Robbery First Degree, Conspiracy First Degree, and Conspiracy Second Degree. In January 2015, Brisco shot William Rollins, Jr. multiple times near the intersection of West 21st and North Washington Streets in Wilmington. Brisco also shot and killed Ioannis Kostikidis, a security guard at the American Beauty School, during a robbery attempt at 6th and Tatnall Streets on February 6, 2013. On Friday, Brisco was sentenced by a Superior Court judge to two life terms on the two murder counts, and an additional total of 35 years for the other charges.

Daymere Wisher, 18, of New Castle, pled guilty in February 2017 to Murder Second Degree in the shooting death of Jason Turner during an attempted robbery on Pine Street in June

2014, as well as Manslaughter, Attempted Robbery First Degree and Conspiracy Second Degree in the death of Mr. Kostikidis. Wisher was sentenced Friday to a total of 25 years in prison.

Raymire Briscoe, 17, of Wilmington pled guilty in February 2017 of Manslaughter in the death of Dwayne Brown, who was shot and killed in the area of 10th and Kirkwood Streets in Wilmington on May 8, 2014. Briscoe was also convicted of Gang Participation, Conspiracy First Degree, Reckless Endangering First Degree and Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Felony for a shooting in the area of 5th and Delamore streets in Wilmington in May 2015. On Friday, Briscoe was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

The Delaware Department of Justice, Wilmington Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation led the investigation that led to the 91-count indictment against TMG gang members by a grand jury in August 2015. The investigation also involved the Delaware State Police, New Castle County Police, Juvenile Probation, New Castle City Police, Department of Corrections, Elsmere Police, Federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and U.S. Marshal Service.

Sgt. Randy Nowell, Sgt. Mike Gifford, Det. Chris Flaherty, Det. Tom Curley and Det. Marty Lenhardt of Wilmington Police led the TMG investigations for WPD and the cases were prosecuted by Deputy Attorneys General John Downs, Dan McBride and Periann Doko along with Jaime Prater and Bill Moran of DOJ staff.

In other recent cases:

A 40-year-old Wilmington woman faces up to 25 years in prison after pleading no contest to Manslaughter. Deputy Attorney General Diana Dunn secured the plea from Latoya Tomlin in connection with the death of an infant in her care. In July 2014, the victim, a 15 month old child, who attended day care in Tomlin's home in the 300 block of South Claymont Street,

was found unresponsive after being in her care for the day. The child died as a result of blunt force head trauma, anoxic brain injury, and subdural hemorrhage the next day. A Superior Court judge will sentence Tomlin in September.

Deputy Attorneys General Erika Flaschner and Zachary Rosen secured a 120-year prison sentence for a Wilmington man convicted by a Superior Court jury in May on drug and weapons charges. Jurors found Marzette King, 38, guilty of Drug Dealing, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, three counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, three counts of Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, and one count of Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited. Acting on a tip in June 2016, police executed a search warrant in King's home in the 200 block of West 22nd Street. Officers found 2 loaded 9mm handguns, a semi-automatic rifle, and over 70 grams of marijuana. Previous violent felony convictions on drug, burglary, and robbery charges make King prohibited from having guns. As a result of King being declared a habitual offender, a Superior Court judge sentenced King to the minimum mandatory 120 years in prison, followed by 2 years of probation.

A Superior Court jury convicted Franklin Wright, 38, of New Castle on several drug and weapons charges. Prosecuted by Deputy Attorney General Zachary Rosen, Wright was found guilty of Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited, Possession of Ammunition by a Person Prohibited, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, Possession of Heroin with an Aggravating Factor, Possession of Cocaine with an Aggravating Factor, Possession of Marijuana with an Aggravating Factor, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Failure to Use a Turn Signal. In July 2016, a Newport Police Officer stopped Wright's car after he failed to use a turn signal when pulling onto Route 141. The officer searched the car after smelling marijuana, and found crack cocaine, heroin, marijuana, a .22-caliber handgun, and ammunition. Due to his previous convictions on weapons

charges, Wright faces a minimum mandatory 23 years in prison as a habitual offender when sentenced in September.

A 25-year old Wilmington man will spend 15 years in prison followed by 1 year of probation after being sentenced by a Superior Court judge for his conviction on a weapons charge that led to him being declared a habitual offender. Deputy Attorney General Mark Denney secured the sentence for Darry Carter, who pled guilty in May to Possession of a Firearm by a Person Prohibited and Resisting Arrest. Police conducting surveillance due to a high level of gun violence saw Carter showing characteristics of an armed gunman in the 100 block of South Franklin Street in May 2016, before fleeing from police and discarding a loaded firearm on a garage roof near South Harrison Street. Carter cannot possess firearms because of previous felony convictions on weapons and drug charges.